

# MoDOT Express Lane

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### 2007 Traffic Fatalities Dive – More Missouri Motorists Arrive Alive

*State Will Reach Fatality Reduction Goal One Year Early*

For the second year in a row, precious lives were saved on Missouri highways when traffic crashes were down when compared to previous years. This year's decrease rang in the new year with 11 percent down, giving Missouri less than 1,000 traffic fatalities for the year and allowing the Missouri Coalition for Roadway Safety to reach a monumental goal one year early. [Goal](#)

### Rains Closed Some Minor Roads

The recent severe weather that pummeled much of Missouri prompted some road closures due to flooding and debris. During bad weather, motorists can check out the MoDOT's Traveler Information Map at <http://www.modot.org> to see exactly which roads are affected. [Weather](#)

### Missouri House Speaker Praises MoDOT's Turn Around

After recently completing a transportation tour around the state, Missouri Speaker of the House Rod Jetton reported he is pleased with changes at MoDOT and the resulting progress on Missouri's roads. [Praise](#)

### MoDOT Leads the Way in Giving

MoDOT led the way in charitable giving in the 2008 Missouri State Employees Charitable Campaign. The department, which is Missouri's fourth-largest state agency, raised more than \$165,000 -- the highest single agency amount raised in the campaign's 23-year history. [Giving](#)

## SAFER ROADS

### The New I-64 is Under Way

Construction to rebuild Interstate 64/Route 40 in St. Louis began in March 2007. All lanes of I-64/US 40 between Ballas Road and Interstate 170 closed in both directions on Jan. 2 and will remain closed for the year. This five-mile stretch of highway will reopen by Dec. 31. Additional construction will begin in 2009. View the entire four-year construction plan, the current traffic impacts and traffic rush-hour summary at a special Web site page. [I-64](#)

### Knowledge is Power

Motorists now have 48 new message signs to provide traffic information and help reduce congestion on heavily traveled sections of Interstates 70 and 44. The signs help motorists avoid delays and get to their destination safely with timely traffic information, and are part of MoDOT's new Driving Edge initiative that provides highway information before you travel, along the way and around the clock. [Messages](#)

## HAVE YOU SEEN THIS?

### Get to Know the Commission

The Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission is a six-member bipartisan board that governs MoDOT. Commission members are appointed for a six-year term by the governor and are confirmed by the Missouri Senate. Get all the info on current and past members, commission background, meeting dates and minutes. [MHTC](#)



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